



Chairman
Mike Marelli

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88353734313?pwd=jC71x9Ra5et7WzdedPRqAnAaPNG5n9.1>

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2024, as written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 3-12-24](#)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational Items.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

Attachments: [White Hall GL account detail 3-26-24](#)
[Conservation general YTD 3-26-24](#)
[Trail Maintenance YTD 3-26-24](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.
5. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.
6. Request for Budget item continued.
7. 100 Whalehead Road property.
8. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on the New England Fisheries Management Council's Herring Management Plan.
2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0286

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 1.

MINUTES

Minutes:

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2024, as written.



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by acting Chairman James Harwood at 6:48 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner James Harwood
Commissioner David Holdridge
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Excused Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2024, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathleen Edgecomb

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

AYE 5 Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil

EXCUSED 2 Levandoski Marelli

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

Resident David Cohen of 100 Whalehead Road was present.

Mr. Cohen, whose property abuts Glacier Park, asked if the Commission can put up some signs to prevent hikers from trespassing on his property. A sign behind the bench along the trail would

be helpful. He said the trail is marked but since his house is close to the trail, people wander onto his property. The Commission agreed that putting up "private property" signs along the property line would be appropriate. Mr. Cohen's phone number and email will be passed along to Chairman Marelli for further action.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational Items.

1. Riparian buffers - Chairman Marelli began researching and drawing up a proposal to pass an ordinance/zoning regulation for riparian buffers on all the Town's inland wetland waterways to be presented to Town Commissions. Chairman Marelli discussed this subject with Juliet Hodge, Town Planner and the Mayor Fred Allyn III, both are in favor.
2. Chairman Marelli attended the Mystic River Watershed Alliance meeting on February 22, 2024. Betsy Graham also attended and reported that the Alliance is looking for students to participate in co-designing solutions to problems along the watershed. Ms. Kil said she will contact someone at the Ledyard HS Agricultural Department.
3. Chairman Marelli attended the Connecticut Sea Grant Program for sustainable and resilient communities funding workshop at UConn Avery Point campus in Groton on March 7, 2024. He spoke with CT DEEP representatives concerning potential grant opportunities for the future.
4. Funding ideas, including a possible timber harvest was discussed with the Mayor.
5. Chairman Marelli is researching professional foresters and invasive plant removal companies for Burton Property, including possible grants. He has still not heard back from the State Forester. The Commission is expecting a written report soon.
6. Should the Commission contribute to the Connecticut Land Conservation Council? The Commission has supported the group in the past but last year did not make a contribution, which was an oversight. All agreed to contribute and Support the Council.

ACTION ITEM:

Vote on an amount to contribute to the Land Conservation Council during the April meeting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

No comments.

2. Financial Reports.

No comments.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Chairman Marelli met with Scott Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, who will speak with Public Works to ask them to look at the Highland Lake Park drainage situation. Parks and Recreation is short staffed and that prevented the completion of plans for the Bush Pond project. The draft plan addressed to various Commissions will be submitted for approval. Planting the

riparian buffer should be started soon. Chairman Marelli offered the Commission to help with planting. Parks and Recreation will ask the Rotary Club for help tending to the gardens.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

Chairman Marelli asked the Mayor if he knew anyone with a brush hog to work on the fields. Rocky's Landscaping said he has some options in mind, trying to set up a meeting to discuss. Maggie Jones will complete her report on White-Hall by the end of March. She also asked if the Commission could get a group together within the next couple weeks to clear back trails. Mr. Harwood reported that the trails are mostly clear with only a few sections with overhanging brush.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

No comments.

6. Request for Budget item continued.

Funding for boat inspections - Ms. Graham made a presentation to the Town Council to request funding for a pilot program to monitor invasive species at the Town's boat launches. The Council said the program would need to be managed and suggested the Conservation Commission as a manager. It was referred to the Mayor and Matt Bonin, Finance Director, for further discussion. Ms. Graham said if the Commission decides to take on the program, she suggested hiring a temp service to manage hiring, payroll for employees, etc. The program would also include volunteers.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

7. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

40 Barton Lane - the Mayor said he is contacting all parties so crossing ROW to access the trails will be permitted. No trespassing signs are removed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:41 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: David Holdridge

SECONDER: Barbara Kil

AYE 5 Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil

EXCUSED 2 Levandoski Marelli

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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File #: 23-2236

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Correspondence.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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File #: 24-0271

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Public Comments.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 23-2346

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Informational Items.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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File #: 23-1893

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Property Walks.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 23-1897

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 2.

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report:
Financial Reports.

G/L ACCOUNT DETAIL

Org: 301 Object: 21266
WHITEHALL PARK TRUST 0301-00-0000-00000-21266 -

YEAR	PER	JOURNAL	EFF DATE	SRC	TR	PO/REF2	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	POSTED
2024	05	30	11/01/2023	API	1	20241228	W 110223T	225.00	Y
2024	02	185	08/08/2023	API	1	20241228	W 081023T	225.00	Y
2024	00	3	07/01/2023	SOY	1		SOY BAL	-22,064.89	Y

Total Amount: -21,614.89

** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler **

Town and Schools of Ledyard

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-26-24

FOR 2024 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD	EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
0101 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET				BUDGET	USED
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION								
10110213 56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	65.00		.00	1,085.00	5.7%
10110213 57300 NEW EQUIP	1,500	0	1,500	.00		.00	1,500.00	.0%
10110213 58790 MISC EXP	925	0	925	.00		.00	925.00	.0%
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,575	0	3,575	65.00		.00	3,510.00	1.8%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	65.00		.00	3,510.00	1.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	65.00		.00	3,510.00	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-26-24

FOR 2024 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler **								

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-26-24

FOR 2024 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT	
0210 CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USED	
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305 58922 TRAIL MNT	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-26-24

FOR 2024 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler **								



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File #: 23-1743

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

From the March 12, 2024, meeting:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1809

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0003

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 5.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

Background:

From the February 13, 2024, meeting:

Work with Ledyard schools and Avalonia on Burton-Pike Marshall property.
Discuss Mystic Watershed ideas and incorporate them into programs.
Highland Lake Rain Garden.
Lantern Hill.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0132

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Request for Budget item continued.

Background:

From the March 12, 2024 meeting:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0285

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 7.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

100 Whalehead Road property.

Background:

From the March 12, 2024, meeting:

Mr. Cohen, whose property abuts Glacier Park, asked if the Commission can put up some signs to prevent hikers from trespassing on his property. A sign behind the bench along the trail would be helpful. He said the trail is marked but since his house is close to the trail, people wander onto his property. The Commission agreed that putting up "private property" signs along the property line would be appropriate. Mr. Cohen's phone number and email will be passed along to Chairman Marelli for further action.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1894

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 8.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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File #: 24-0307

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Discussion on the New England Fisheries Management Council's Herring Management Plan.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 23-1895

Agenda Date: 4/9/2024

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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